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SUBJ: HABITAT CONFERENCE AUGUST PERP COM AND

QUESTION OF ISRAELI PARTICIPATION

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1. ISRAELI MISSION OFFICER LADOR BRIEFED USUN OFFICER
AUGUST 21 ON THE RESULTS OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH
SYG PENALOSA AND THE CANADIAN MISSION ON THE QUESTION
OF ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN THE HABITAT CONFERENCE
AND THE GOC POSITION ON HOSTING THE HABITAT CONFERENCE
IN 1976. ACCORDING TO LADOR, CANADIAN DEPUTY PERM REP BRUCE
IS SOMEWHAT PESSIMISTIC THAT PENALOSA WILL BE ABLE TO
ARRANGE TO AVOID DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION OF PARTICI-
PATION AT THE PREPCOM IN NY COMMENCING AUGUST 25. THERE
ARE RUMORS, ACCORDING TO BRUCE, THAT LIBYA, SYRIA, AND
IRAQ WILL RAISE THE ISSUE HOPING AT MAXIMUM TO ACHIEVE
A DECISION TO EXCLUSE ISRAEL FROM THE 1976 CONFERENCE,
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AND AT MINIMUM TO FORWARD LOPSIDED "INSTRUCTIONS" TO THE

30TH GA ON THE MATTER. THE CANADIANS HAVE HEARD THAT THE ARAB EXTREMISTS MIGHT LINK THE QUESTIONS OF PARTICIPATION OF THE VIET NAMS AND SOUTH AFRICA WITH THAT OF ISRAEL, IN THE EXPECTATION THAT A LARGER NUMBER OF NAC GOVERNMENTS WOULD SUPPORT SUCH A PACKAGE AT THE PREPCOM.

2. BRUCE, IN RESPONSE TO LADOR'S QUESTIONS ON GOC INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO HOSTING THE 1976 HABITAT CONFERENCE, SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE A DECISION ON THAT ISSUE IN THE LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENT AT THE PREPCOM MEETING. WHEN ASKED IF CANADA WOULD HOST THE CONFERENCE IF ISRAEL WAS NOT INVITED, BRUCE SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS REVIEWING THAT QUESTION NOW. BRUCE HOWEVER PERSONALLY BELIEVES THAT CANADA WOULD NOT HOST THE CONFERENCE UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES. BRUCE ALSO SAID THAT HE FEARS THAT NON-ALIGNED GOVERNMENTS, ANGERED BY THE GOC DECISION ON THE CRIME PREVENTION CONFERENCE, MAY THEMSELVES SUGGEST THAT THE CONFERENCE SITE BE CHANGED.

3. SYG PENALOSA, ACCORDING TO LADOR, REMAINS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION, NOT ON THE AGENDA OF PREPCOM, WILL NOT COME UP AT THE PREPCOM.

4. COMMENT: USUN WILL BE SEEING CANADIANS AUGUST 22 AND WILL ATTEMPT TO CONFIRM LADOR'S REPORT. CLEARLY, THE BRUCE CONVERSATION HAS ADDED TO THE ISRAELIS CONCERN THAT THE QUESTION OF THEIR PARTICIPATION MAY BE FORCED AT THE PREPCOM NEXT WEEK. THAT FACTOR ALONE WILL COMPLICATE THE TASK OF THE US DELEGATION TO THE PREPCOM, SINCE THE ISRAELI DELEGATION WILL LOOK TO THE US FOR INTELLIGENCE AND TACTICAL GUIDANCE, AGAINST THE FEARED POSSIBILITY. USUN WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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